

### REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed July 20, 2006, the Examiner withdrew the rejection against claims 11-13 as being anticipated by Wu et al. (Biochim Biophys Acta 1315:169-175, 1996). However, the Examiner rejected claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for failing to meet the written description and enablement requirements and under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by US patent 6,639,063. Claims 6, 7, and 9 are withdrawn from consideration and claims 2-4 and 19 are allowed.

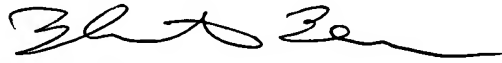
Applicants have canceled claims 11-13 to facilitate prosecution and reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

Withdrawn method claims 6, 7, and 9 are limited by the nucleic acids recited in allowed product claims 2 and 19 and they are believed to be eligible for rejoinder in accordance with MPEP 821.04.

In summary, rejected claims 11-13 are canceled and the only claims remaining pending are allowed claims 2-4 and 19 as well as method claims 6, 7, and 9 that are believed to be eligible for rejoinder. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below if such would advance the prosecution of this application.

A petition for one month extension of time accompanies this response so that the response will be deemed to have been timely filed. If any other extension of time is required in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension and a request to charge the petition fee to the Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any fee is due in this or any subsequent response, please charge the fee to the same Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

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